

## SPORTS DIARY

May  
25—Glasgow University Championships ...  
Westerlands.  
Balleston and District Sports.

June  
1—Scottish Inter-Universities ... Craiglockhart.  
Monkland Harriers ... Coatbridge.  
Singer's A.A.C. ... Dalnair.  
Allan Glen's School.  
Shawlands Secondary School.  
7—Glasgow Union of Boys' Club ... Helensvale.  
8—S.A.A.A. Junior Championship Meadowbank  
S.A.A.A. Marathon Championship ...  
Falkirk to Meadowbank.  
Motherwell and Wishaw Police ... Fir Park.  
Babeock and Wilcox ... Renfrew.  
10—British Games ... White City.  
11—Bellahouston Harriers' Jubilee Sports.  
15—Scottish Schoolboys' Championships (inter-  
scholastic) ... Westerlands.  
Royal Ulster Constabulary ... Belfast.  
Dalry Thistle Supporters Club.  
22—Scottish A.A.A. Championships ... Hampden.  
25—Atlanta v. S.A.A.A. West, Dist. ... Glasgow.  
29—Shotts A.A.C.  
Kilbarchan ex-Home Guards.  
Youths' Panel Service (inter-county con-  
tests) ... Troon.

July  
6—Edinburgh City Police A.C. (open) ...  
Meadowbank.  
Vale of Leven.  
13—Glasgow Police ... Hampden.  
A.A.A. Junior Championship ... Birmingham.  
15—Maryhill Harriers Sports ... Dunoon.  
19-20—A.A.A. Championships ... London.  
20—Dumbarton Town Council.  
27—Motherwell Y.M.C.A.  
Edinburgh Corporation, Holidays at Home.  
British Police Championship ... Taunton.

August  
3—Rangers F.C. ... Ibrox  
5—B.H. International Meeting ... White City.  
10—Cumbernauld A.A.C.  
Carlisle Sports.  
17—Milngavie Games.  
23-25—European Championships ... Oslo.  
30-31—Cowal Gathering.

## CHANGED DATES

Larkhall Committee (Gasworks Park) from  
15th June to 29th July.  
St. Machan's A.A.C. (Lennoxton) from 27th  
July to 24th August.

## ROUND THE CLUBHOUSES

**Aberdeenshire Harriers Club** will welcome visitors to train with them. Hon. Secretary, J. Peter, 20 Wallfield Crescent, Aberdeen.

**Clydesdale Harriers** points competition, 100 yds. ser.—I. J. Murphy; 2. D. Bowman; 3. J. Gillespie. Train at Mountblow Park, Monday and Wednesday evenings.

**Edinburgh Harriers** have now resumed training. Being coached in light field events by Harry Scott, one of the most able all-rounders in the East.

**Garscube Harriers** held A.G.M. on 19th April, 1946. Main office-bearers—President, Mr. G. Carmichael; vice-president, T. Dally; captain, R. J. Mulgrew; vice-captain, J. J. Brennan; hon. secretary, J. Gunn, 112 Rogart Street, Glasgow, E.1.

**Castlehill Y.C.** holding district sports at Carlisle on Wednesday, 5th June.

**Lanarkshire A.A.A.** have fixed dates for championship events. 100 yds youths, at Monkland Sports, 1st June; 100 yds. senior, at Motherwell and Wishaw Police Sports, 8th June; 880 yds. youths, at Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Sports, 27th July; 1 mile, senior, at Inter-District Sports, Coatbridge, Tuesday, 30th July, 7 p.m.

**Plebian Harriers.** Remember Andy Robertson? Training with the club again at Pirrie Park, Govan, on Wednesday evening. Other administrators should contact Hon. Secretary, P. J. Connelly, 32 Peninver Drive, S.W.1.

**Maryhill Harriers** are holding a social in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 100 Bothwell Street, Friday, 31st May, 1946. Training at Maryhill Barracks—meet at Maryhill Baths, 7.30. Any of Maryhill's ex-sprinters willing to assist in the coaching of an enthusiastic bunch of young runners will be welcomed.

**Shettleston Harriers** train at Westthorn Track, Tuesday and Thursday evening. Road and field event men meet at Clubhouse, Gartocher Road. Are co-operating with Dalry Junior Football Club in organising Open Sports on 15th June.

**South Glasgow A.A.C.** Past and prospective members should contact Mr. Stowbridge, 151 Whitehill Street.

**Victoria Park A.A.C.** Training in full swing at Scotstoun Showgrounds. Capable coaching from G. Munro, W. S. Paterson and ex-heavy weight champion A. C. Nicolson. New members should contact the Hon. Secy., William C. Armour, any Tuesday and Thursday evening.

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## J. E. FARRELL

## Tribute to First Post-War S.A.A.A. Champion



## AS A CHILD—

Photo reproduced from a brochure published by his father 38 years ago. Below the photo read, "Baby Emmet Farrell, at the age of 7 months, an example of the new race of manhood and womanhood that is to be."



## —AS A CHAMPION.

After winning Scottish C.C. Championship in 1938.

It is fitting to pay tribute to John Emmet Farrell, of Maryhill Harriers, after winning the Scottish 10-miles Flat Championship for the third successive time. The above reproduced picture is not shown primarily as a photo of a "beautiful baby," which he undoubtedly was, but to bring out the remarkable foresight and vision of his father whom Emmet believes was largely responsible for laying the foundations of his present-day power and strength.

Long before he had taken up the running game, he had enjoyed distinction as a wrestler and as a swimmer. He won the Maryhill swimming championship, was second in the Western District championship, second in the open sea one mile distance championship to Willie Burns of Glasgow Police, and

represented Scotland in the 800 metres and 1,500 metres at the Tailteann Games in 1928.

He joined Maryhill Harriers in 1933, when aged 24. He rapidly progressed as a runner, but, up to 1937, he was commonly called "the man who always runs second." Possibly his most notable race of this period was when he

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## THE S.A.A.A. SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

REVIEWED by T. A. GOURLAY

The above meeting was held at Helenvale Park, Glasgow, on Saturday, 27th March, 1946, after a lapse of six years. The track was in fine condition and the weather was dry, but a troublesome wind was blowing down the stand straight. The first event to be decided was the 10 miles track championship. Thirty runners, a record number for this event, faced the starter, Mr. Fred Evans, lining up in three rows across the track. Of the six non-starters announced the most notable was J. C. Flockhart. After his running at Ayr in the "International," it was thought that he would be a strong challenger to J. E. Farrell, Maryhill Harriers, who was defending his title.

A young newcomer, J. Barbour, Dundee, Hawkhill, led the field for the first three laps and lost this position to A. McLean of Bellahouston, who took the lead at the end of the first mile, which was reached in 5.18. The other runners close on his heels at this point were A. McDonald, Auchmountain; Farrell, Maryhill; and McLennan, Shettleston. Coming near the end of the fourth mile, McLean was still leading, closely followed by J. Farrell and McLennan, Shettleston, and the ultimate winner seemed to be among these three. Harry Howard, Shettleston, running in the middle of the field, retired at four miles. Almost at half-distance, J. E. Farrell took the lead for the first time, with McLean and McLennan interchanging places for a few laps. The time at 5 miles was 27.13. In the next mile the champion, running strongly, considerably increased his lead. It is interesting to note that the sixth mile was done in 5.19. This was, I think, the deciding point of the race. McLean was now a clear second, McLennan having fallen back with A. McDonald, Auchmountain, running third. The first three positions did not change, and J. E. Farrell ran out a winner in 54.38 3/5, about 250 yards ahead of A. McLean, with A. McDonald 3rd, and J. Lindsay, Bellahouston, 4th; C. McLennan, 5th; A. L. Hay, 6th; A. McDonald and J. Lindsay gaining standard by finishing inside 56 minutes.

I make the following points which may be of interest. I think A. McLean may have been nearer the winner if he had not held the lead for so long in

the early stages. A. McDonald has finished in the same position in this race 11 years ago. I think John Lindsay, Bellahouston, will look upon this as one of his best performances to date. There were a few young runners who, I think, would be well advised to refrain from competing in this race for a year or two.

The following table shows the leader's time at the end of each mile. It may prove of interest to the "student of form" and also of service to future entrants in preparing a Time Schedule for standard time qualification:—

1st mile	5 min. 18 sec.
2nd mile	5 min. 30 sec.
3rd mile	5 min. 29.4 sec.
4th mile	5 min. 24.6 sec.
5th mile	5 min. 31 sec.
6th mile	5 min. 19 sec.
7th mile	5 min. 33 sec.
8th mile	5 min. 34 sec.
9th mile	5 min. 36.6 sec.
10th mile	5 min. 23 sec.

The 3 miles walking championship only attracted four starters, including the holder, A. M. Jamieson, Dundee Hawkhill. The champion jumped into the lead at the start, and with his snappy action soon set up a big lead and eventually won by over 400 yards from Crossley, Edinburgh H. The winner's time was 24 mins. 7.6 secs.

Without any intention to detract from the worthy performance of the Dundonian in winning the title for the fifth successive time, this event did not come up to championship standard. It is a fact that this event just escaped excision from the S.A.A.A.'s list of championship events, and, judging from the meagre support which has been given to it in pre-war years it would appear to be in danger of complete extinction in the near future.

True, this race has been endowed with a handsome Challenge Trophy, gifted by the late George Hume, a walking enthusiast, but even this circumstance may not save the event from its distinction as a Championship item in the S.A.A.A. sports calendar unless better support is forthcoming. Incidentally, Jamieson's previous returns in the championships were 21 min. 46.4 secs., 22 min. 23.4 secs., 22 min.

## FAMOUS RUNNING CAREER TO END THIS YEAR

Under the above heading, the following comments appeared in the "City and Clyde" columns of "The Glasgow Evening Times" on 10th April, 1946. A similar article appeared in "The Glasgow Evening News" on the same date. We apologise to Glasgow readers, most of whom will have read this, but, it should be remembered that this paper will be circulated to enthusiasts all over Scotland, as well as abroad.

"After dominating long-distance running in Scotland for more than a quarter of a century, "Dunky" Wright is going to retire this year.

I had a chat with the famous marathon runner yesterday after he had given a talk to the Rotary Club, and he told me that he would run his last championship race before his 50th birthday in September.

Most of us find it takes quite enough out of us to run for a tramcar long before we have reached our fifth decade.

The American long-distance runner, Clarence de Mar was a successful competitor in long-distance races until he was 53, but that is one record "Dunky" won't challenge.

His first success came in 1920, when he won the Scottish junior cross-country championship.

Three years later he won the Scottish cross-country championship, and a year later his first marathon race.

He has held the British Championship on two occasions and the British Empire Championship once.

For his final season in competitive sport Mr. Wright hopes to take part in four marathons—the Scottish, the British, and one in Eire, and then, if he is successful in the British Marathon, he will go to Sweden to take part in the European Games.

I think he can be relied on to bring a great career to a brilliant close."

13.8 secs, and 22 min. 12.8 secs., from 1936 to 1939 in that order.

In the dressing room I heard complimentary remarks regarding the track and the washing facilities. These particularly were greatly appreciated. The attendance was not large but the enthusiasm was there. I noticed many old barriers and at least three ex-10 miles champions. Mr. Gilbert, Hon. Secretary, S.A.A.A., announcing the results, expressed thanks to the runners and to the spectators for the enthusiastic support given.

Mr. R. Taylor, Bellahouston Harriers, Vice-President, S.A.A.A., presented the trophies to the respective champions, who both won by a combination of ability and experience.

If a member of Edinburgh Harriers passes you with a terrific burst down the home straight, you will know the reason. Dick Littlejohn, the former Scottish ¼-mile champion, has retired competitively, but is coaching his club-mates.

It is understood that the S.A.A.A. Championship impedimenta which was stored at Hampden Park suffered severely in the recent damaging fire to the stand and pavilion, with the result that the S.A.A.A. Committee are faced with the serious problem of replacement.

Entries close definitely by first post on Wednesday 29th May, for the S.A.A.A. Junior and Marathon Championships on 8th June. Send entries direct to Mr. J. Gilbert, Hon. Secretary, S.A.A.A., 17 Pearce Avenue, Edinburgh 12.

It is interesting to note on the Youths' Championship Programme a relay race (440 x 220 x 220 x 440). Youths entering any event must be 16 or over, but under 18 years, on 1st March, 1946.

Shettleston Harriers have appointed J. R. Robinson as track captain for the current season. He is just demobbed and should prove a big asset to the club, as, prior to his call-up he was running strongly over the ¼-mile and mile.

Affiliated clubs who have not yet paid their annual subscriptions to the Hon. Treasurer of the S.A.A.A. are likely to receive a "reminder" an early date. The annual subscription of £1 1/- is payable not later than the first day of May in each year, according to Constitution Law XIII.

## Planning The Future

Little did we think that the first issue of "The Scots Athlete" would cause such a stir in athletic circles. True, as we stated in the Editorial last month, we were conscious of the necessity of a Scots athletics paper, but the enthusiasm shown has almost overwhelmed us. The paper was hardly off the press when we received words of encouragement from Aberdeen, Dundee and Edinburgh. We know now more than ever the need for "The Scots Athlete." We would now be as bold as to say the paper has already helped to revivify the Sport. It has strengthened bonds of friendship throughout Scotland.

It would be unsportsmanlike of us not to recognise such genuine interest and so, starting with the June issue, the paper will become a 12-page feature. We do not know how we will come off financially. We are not worrying at present except that we must cater for people with such fervent zeal.

J. E. Farrell has promised to write his topical notes for us monthly under "Running Commentary." He will be the only regular contributor to the paper, so that there will be ample room for anyone who has anything useful or interesting to write. We would welcome articles from all quarters, irrespective of age, running ability or personality. Knowledge is not a privilege of a select few. It springs from us all.

To keep interest alive we propose to establish a club league for the Western District clubs. If it could be done we would gladly do the same with Eastern clubs. The League placings will be published each month starting from June. Points will be scored in relation to prizes won at Open Sports meetings, 3, 2 and 1 points for a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize respectively in handicap races. Possibly we could have another league for scratch races.

Secretaries should keep a note of their club's prize-winners, so that the published leagues can be verified.

Our ambition is to witness a powerful resurgence of Scottish athletics this very year. Friendly competition will help to raise the standard.

The June issue will also contain a beautiful action study of Sandy Jamieson, S.A.A.A. 3-mile walking champion, and a resume of his career. This was

unavoidably held over from this issue through lack of space.

If you want to become an Annual Subscriber, the paper will be sent post free for 4/-.

**J. E. FARRELL**—Cont. from page 1 was runner-up to Charlie Smith, Dundee Hawkhill, in the National Novice Cross Country Championships in 1934-35. The first individual victory of major importance came his way at Ayr, in 1938, when he won the N.C.C.U. 10-miles championship. From that date onwards he won various titles, both on the track and over cross country. His 6 miles time of 31 min. 2 secs. in 1938, is a "Best Championship Performance." Not his best race, but a very exciting one was his duel with Willie Sutherland, of Shettleston Harriers, in the 10-miles flat at Ibrox, in 1939. They passed and repassed one another all the way and though they both tried desperately to gain the tape first, the judges could not separate one from the other. A dead-heat after 10 miles!

Sometimes we wonder if Emmet has secret ambitions at the marathon. He has competed successfully in distance road races; won the famous Drymen to Firhill (15 miles), in 1938. Scotland should be proud of him, the Maryhill harrier has represented his country in four International Cross Country contests, 1937, 1938, 1939, and 1946, and led his countrymen home at Belfast and Cardiff.

Belonging to the never-say-die school, Farrell has helped to win relay races for his club on times without number. Often starting a last leg in a seemingly hopeless position, he would mow his field down and snatch victory for his team. Running a last lap with Farrell is enough to give any man "that sinking feeling."

A very modest person, he has a great respect even for "rabbits." He is a friend and counsellor to every novice. He has been a tower of strength to his club, an inspiration to every would-be aspirant and a credit to the sport. He has many enthusiasts but none so keen and loyal as Mrs. Farrell, his wife.

There could be no more fitting tribute to him than the words of Harry Howard, Shettleston Harriers, his friend and rival, used in a small after-tea speech at Dundee. "I have never ran against a finer runner and sportsman than John Emmet Farrell."

## RUNNING COMMENTARY

by J. E. FARRELL.

Now that the Spring Championships are over, inaugurating the post-war era, we can look forward to a very enthusiastic summer season irrespective of the standard of the performances.

This is amply demonstrated by the big demand for suitable dates by club secretaries for their respective galas.

In some cases duplication is unavoidable, but we hope so far as possible re-adjustments will be made to allow athletes an opportunity of giving their full support to the various ventures.

The list of fixtures is still a provisional one.

"Nothing succeeds like success." Yet Victoria Park are finding that their brilliance may lead to embarrassing situations; invited to compete in the Royal Ulster Constabulary meeting at Belfast on 15th June, they have a similar invitation for the Kinnaird Trophy meeting at London on the same date. A brilliant team, including Panton, McDonald, Connacher, Smillie, Paterson and Lamont, has been invited to Belfast; Broadley of the Y.M.C.A., our recent 100 yards sprinting "find," is also expected to travel.

A week previous to the R.U.C. meeting another meeting will be held at Belfast, where it is hoped to have three of the greatest high jumpers in Britain competing, namely, Dick Rafferty (Greenore), our own Alan Patterson, and the Nigerian student, A. F. Adedofun. The last-mentioned won a similar contest last year at Dublin, with 6 ft. 3 ins., and is reported to be attacking the brilliant Irish record of 6 ft. 5 in.

Of the sextette of V.P. athletes invited to the R.U.C. meeting on June 15th, J. Lamont is less well-known than his colleagues, but in some quarters he is reckoned to have an outstanding chance in the mile event at the coming Scottish championships. Towards the end of the cross country season he won the Scottish Army Cross Country championship. And, while speaking of the mile, Willie Somerville of Motherwell is forsaking the longer stretches meantime to concentrate on miling. At this stage it may be appropriate to pay tribute to Bobby Graham, our last mile champion. Though it had been rumoured that Bobby was resuming training with his eye on the 2 and 3 mile distances à la Wooderson, it is

now reported that he has retired from active athletics and has set up business in Blackpool. All sportsmen will wish him well in his new venture. Besides holding the native record for the mile with the wonderful time of 4 min. 12 sec., he represented Great Britain at the Olympic Games in Berlin (1936), and Scotland at the Empire Games in Sydney (1938). Definitely one of the most outstanding athletes that Scotland ever produced, he was, like his predecessor, Tom Riddell, a boon to sports promoters.

The next big event in Scotland is the first Scottish Marathon Championship on June 8th, from Falkirk to Edinburgh, and I can look no further for the winner than either Donald Robertson or Duncan Wright. Of the former I can say no more than that he reports fit and eager and has been training consistently. Of Wright, veteran in age but not in performance, I can say from experience that he is running like a machine and goes in with an outstanding chance if his legs behave over the full gruelling 26 miles; in the marathon distance he is the complete journeyman, knowing all the tricks of the trade.

Not having the full list of competitors before me, I cannot say much of the others, but among those likely to show up prominently if entered are Willie Connor of Shettleston, Johnny Lindsay of Bellahouston, and Andrew Burnside of Maryhill.

Connor has great potentialities as a marathon runner, while Lindsay seems to have recaptured some of his form, if his sound performance in beating the standard time of 56 mins. in the recent 10-mile championship is any criterion. Burnside is one of the most consistent full-distance marathoners in Scotland; he runs with an easy action and if he could impart a little more "devil" into his work he might surprise more than himself.

The Bellahouston 17-mile marathon from Stewarton to Pollokshaws may be brought forward from June 1st to May 25th for the convenience of those running on June 8th, and will provide a good try-out for the marathon aspirants.

Charlie McPherson of Aberdeen, whose long-striding action is reminis-

cent of Suttie Smith, is back north again after a spell with Maryhill Harriers, but has been suffering from a slight indisposition. He has a future in cross country circles and with good luck can make Paris with the international team next year. We await news of the East with great interest, but so far without effect. They have a great tradition in the East. Where are the Laidlaws, the Suttie Smiths? What of Carstairs, Billy Hinde and of Jim Petrie? Still, it was encouraging to see some contenders from the East in the recent 10-mile championship.

J. Watson, of Carluke, contemplates a week-night meeting on Wednesday, June 5th, in connection with a new sports field.

## OUR POST

The "Scots Athlete" was first on sale on Saturday, 27th April, 1946. By the first post on Monday, 29th April, we received a letter of congratulations from Monkland Harriers, which cheered us up considerably. From that date our mail has been fairly heavy. We publish a few of these letters as a matter of interest.

Dear Sir,—I was present at the Spring Championships at Helenvale Park on Saturday, 27th April, and during this meeting I bought a copy of "The Scots Athlete." I have read this paper from cover to cover, and I wish to offer my congratulations on your effort to stimulate interest in Scottish Athletics. "The Scots Athlete," in my opinion, is the much-looked-for answer to the problem of publicity for Harrier Clubs, and now that you have edited our first paper, I am sure that any support and encouragement needed will be forthcoming from all cross-country clubs.

My club has instructed me to order 20 copies of the next issue of "The Scots Athlete."

Wishing you every success and encouragement with this new venture.—Yours in Sport,

DAVID SCOTT,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,  
Monkland Harriers.

Coatbridge.

An item of interest from down south is the success of evergreen Jack Holden in the recent Midlands District 6 Miles Championship, with club-mate Jack Corfield, 3rd, one minute behind. Holden was the first Britisher home in the cross country International at Ayr, in 6th place, and his recent time of 30.58 for the 6 miles compares favourably with his winning times in his A.A.A. 6 miles successes of 1933, 34, 35, which were respectively 30.32 1/5, 30.43 4/5 and 30.50 3/5. This shows he must be running almost as well as ever, but as the recent International demonstrated is also a startling revelation of continental form as even Jack could not cope with their brilliance on this occasion.

### UNITING ATHLETES AND "OFFICIALDOM"

Dear Mr. Ross,—Thanks for your thought in forwarding me copies of your new venture, "The Scots Athlete," and I would take this opportunity of congratulating you on the high standard of the publication.

There is no doubt that there is a place in Scotland for a publication of this nature and I feel certain that it will be welcomed in amateur athletic circles.

The offer to publish official notices from the S.A.A.A. and other official information should prove of considerable value to the Association, and be of assistance to clubs and athletes.

Constructive criticism of the Association will always be welcomed by the Association, and possibly through this a closer understanding may emerge between the athlete and "officialdom."

Wishing your publication every success and support.—Yours sincerely,

J. GILBERT,

Hon. Secretary, S.A.A.A.  
Edinburgh.

P.S.—A small donation is enclosed in recognition of your enthusiasm in facing up to the many present-day difficulties which must arise in producing a publication of this nature.

### KEEPING VETERANS INTERESTED

Dear Sir,—Congratulations on your first issue of "The Scots Athlete."

When I showed it to members of our club, they were loud in their

praises that such a magazine is now available.

Furthermore, I contacted some old harrier members where I am employed and they were delighted with it, as it will keep them in touch with the sport. We would like 24 copies of the May issue.

Wishing you all success in this new venture to bring Scots Athletics to the notice of the general public, which it so much deserves.—Yours in Sport,

GEORGE PICKERING,

Renfrew Y.M.C.A. Harriers.  
Blawarthill.

### WE OMITTED JAMES FLEMING

Dear Sir,—I join with my club, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers, in congratulations, and best of success to your efforts for producing "The Scots Athlete."

I am sure the athletes alone are with you in sufficient numbers to have appreciation and thanks for your good work on their behalf. I have no doubt your sales production will greatly multiply.

Reading over all reasons of the failure of the Scottish team in the recent International, not once have I seen what I considered a most important point; and that was that the Scottish team did not run as a team but just as a few straggling individuals. They were never given the opportunity to train as one, and I hope the selection members of the N.C.C.U. have learned a lesson.

Going over the probable Olympic hopes mentioned in your first magazine, I would like to add the name of James Fleming, Motherwell, Y.M.C.A.H. James Fleming is going to be, in my opinion, one of the best milers Scotland has produced. Last summer, in England, he was chosen with Sidney Wooderson to represent A.A. Command at 1/2-mile and 1-mile on numerous occasions, and was a good second string. He won the A.A. 3 miles, and competed in the Mile of Century at White City, London, with Haegg Anderson of Sweden. It was the only scratch race last summer in which Jamie was unplaced. I am sure you will agree that that was no disgrace. His best time so far is 4 min. 16 sec. for the mile.

Since going to Egypt you may have seen a report in the papers where James Fleming put up a record of 4 min. 20 sec., the best so far in Egypt. Also that he had the Eric Liddell prin-

ciple and refused to compete on a Sunday.

The cutting enclosed is of a sports meeting a month ago where Fleming again did 4 min. 20 sec., winning comfortably. That completed his ninth successive win in Egypt. Though he was moved to Palestine, the governing body there arranged for him to come back to Egypt this week-end and compete in an international with Turkey and Greece.

Speaking to Jack Crump at the V.P. meeting, he agreed that there were great prospects for Fleming.

So, Editor, if you consider these facts worthy, use them as you wish, and you will be helping him from being possibly forgotten. Like some other lads of the club I write to, his chief desire is to be competing at home.

I enclose £1 1/- to assist in a small way your efforts to success.—Yours in Sport,

ALEX. NANGLE.

Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers,  
Motherwell.

Are Maryhill and Shettleston Harriers expecting to "walk" some event at a later date? Both clubs have engaged former Scottish Walking Champions to do some coaching. Maryhill will be under Mr. J. Gordon and Shettleston under Colin McLellan. Are any hikers interested?

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The Clydesdale Harriers annual presentation of prizes and social was held in Clydebank Masonic Temple on Friday, 26th April. The prizes were presented by the President's wife, Mrs. McMillan, better known as Jean Tait, the lady cross-country runner.

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An apology to Eddy Summerhill of Shettleston Harriers. Compliments were wrongly handed out to R. Patterson of the same club in the "Around Dundee Relay" comments last month. The praise should have been directed to Summerhill. Both Summerhill and Patterson have distinct prospects and their careers will be watched with interest.